

BARCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Transport and Highways Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, Barcombe on Tuesday 4th November 2008 at 7.00 p.m.

878. Present: Councillors J.C. Cornwell, J.O. Cornwell, A J MacGillivray, N Gant, D J Lloyd, D. Skan, R. Williams and J Smith

879. Apologies for absence: None were received.

880. Declarations of Interest: Cllr A J MacGillivray re item 882(ii); J O Cornwell and J C Cornwell re item 886.

881. Confirmation and Signature of the Minutes of the Last Meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd September 2008 were approved at the Parish Council meeting on 16th September 2008.

882. Urgent Business pursuant to Standing Order No. 16:

(i) Barcombe Mills Car Park – given the wet state of the surface the car park has been closed for the winter.

(ii) Cllr A J MacGillivray reported on concerns of residents of School Hill over speeding by motorists and a request for action from the Parish Council. The SID machine cannot be used for safety reasons; there is no evidence of police activity to enforce restrictions; East Sussex CC Highways promises of action have never materialised, so the options for the Parish council are limited. However it was agreed the Clerk would once again contact ESCC Highways to try and get some action; residents would be urged to write to ESCC expressing their concerns; County Councillor R St. Pierre would be advised of current issues; the Clerk will contact his counterpart in Kingston to see how their traffic calming arrangements are funded (although it is acknowledged Kingston is a “rat run” between the A27/C5 roads).

883. East Sussex County Council - parking proposals: The Clerk reported that County Councillor R St.Pierre had complained to the Director of Transport about the complete lack of progress or information from his team. It is likely the new arrangements will be brought in under an experimental Order which should allow the scheme to be introduced before Christmas. It is not clear what account, if any, has been taken of comments from the parish council and local residents from the consultation period.

884. East Sussex County Council – school crossing patrol policy: The Clerk reported that a new policy had been approved - noted.

885. Lewes District Council – street naming policy: A consultation paper on a revised policy document had been circulated by the Clerk. It was agreed there were no relevant issues for Barcombe.

886. Lewes/Uckfield Rail Link: A report from Cllr A J MacGillivray on the latest meeting of the CRCB was noted and will be held on file, together with all other relevant information, in case this issue is revived at some stage in the future.

887. Correspondence:

(i) The Clerk and Cllr A J MacGillivray reported on contact from Trevor Leggo of SALC on the potential for some highways maintenance to be taken away from the County Council. Burgess Hill Town Council has devolved budgets from West Sussex CC and carried out work for some local rural parishes and the scheme could have increased viability if parishes such as Barcombe joined the scheme. It was agreed the scheme could have some merit, although the absence of verge cutting from the schedule of works was a concern. Cllr A J MacGillivray is due to meet Mr Leggo and will ascertain the current position.

(ii) Cllr A J MacGillivray had been contacted by District Councillor D Mitchell over Oak Tree Twitten. He has confirmed it is a District Council responsibility and has arranged for some maintenance work to take place. It is unclear if this is an ongoing commitment. It was agreed to raise this at the next Parish Council meeting which DC Mitchell may attend.

888. Outstanding action points: The Clerk was asked to report problems with surface water gaining access to ditches on the side of Barcombe Mills Road and the overgrown sight lines at Clappers Bridge.

889. Close of Meeting: There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.35 p.m.